

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

## Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

## Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, May 10, 1996

- Present:** G. Valaskakis, Chair; M. Yates; D. Brind'Amour; J. Appleby; P. Bird; J. Bottenburg; V. Bowker; M. Brian; D. Brown; J. Byrnes; M. Clarke; A. Dhindsa; M. Danis; R. Duranceau; N. Eddy; A. Flynn; D. Frost; A. Galler; B. Gilsdorf; S. Hoecker-Drysdale; I. Irvine; J. Jans; P. L'Hérault; B. Litner; M. Malik; K. McMurray; J. Moore; A. Nash; R. Pallen; E. Raudsepp; I. Robinson; S. Ruby; D. Salée; R. Schmid; A. Schwartzman; A. Sharma; D. Sheps; H. Shulman; M. Singer; J. Sullivan; A. Teffeteller; J. Woodsworth
- Regrets:** K. Bolh; G. Boutin; S.-J. De Vito; O. de Winter; S. Lee; J. Lightstone; D. Markiewicz; M. Pruska-Carroll
- Absent:** A. Ahmad; N. Banga; J. Fiset; W. Byers; L. Copeland; P. Cunningham; J. Fiset; C. Fournier; F. Lowy; G. Pyburn; N. Santini; K. Sundwall
- Guests:** J. Chaikelson; Y. Chauby; C. Elliott; J. Garrido; J. Herz; A.-M. Laurin; A. McAusland; K. Mukherji; C. Nadeau; J. Patterson; M. Taylor; P. Théberge; J. Turgeon; T. Waugh

**Documents considered or distributed at the meeting:**

ASFC 96-3M-A	Honorary Degree Candidates
ASFC 96-3M-B	Elections/Ratifications
ASFC 96-3M-C	Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals
ASFC 96-3M-D	Arts and Science Self-Appraisal Report
ASFC 96-3M-E	Motion on Closure of Programs and Units in the Faculty of Arts and Science

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

ASFC 96-4M-1 It was moved and seconded (Robinson/L'Hérault) that the agenda be approved. Carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 1996**

ASFC-96-4M-2 It was moved and seconded (Pallen/Sheps) that the minutes be approved with the following corrections: i) that P. Cunningham replace G. Tayco in the Absent section; ii) that D. Brown be placed in the Regrets section instead of Absent. Carried.

**4. Honorary Degree Candidates**

As customary, there was a closed session while Council discussed the Honorary Degree Candidates.

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**5. Remarks from the Chair**

- The Dean asked for speaking privileges for the following persons: Paul Théberge, Communication Studies; Judith Herz, English; Y. Chaubey, Dr. Garrido and Dr. Turgeon of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Dr. T. Waugh of Fine Arts and Chantal Nadeau, of Communication Studies for the HIV Aids course; Andrew McAusland, Arts and Science; Dr. Mukherji, Dr. Patterson and Dr. Elliott from Geology; and Dr. Chaikelson for the Self-Appraisal document.
- The Dean reminded Council that there would be an open meeting on May 22nd at the De Sèves Cinema to hear the candidates for the position of Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations.
- As a result of the recent Budget, a further amount of \$800,000 had been added to the \$12M expected to be saved in the next year.
- The cut for Arts and Science was not known at this time; the provisional budget was being prepared by Dr. Proppe which will be studied by the Senate Finance Advisory Committee, and by SCAPP.
- Dr. Proppe had been present at the previous three Chairs meetings, while Dr. Lightstone was present at the last, to explain how the indicators would be used when the budget comes down.
- A major issue was FALRIP. Prof. Danis reported that seventy-four faculty members had accepted the Retirement Plan; (ninety-four in the entire University thus far). Priorities and Planning Committee would meet to discuss such issues as replacements, and would expect to hear from Chairs on a) how curriculum changes would be made if necessary, b) whether to hire LTA's to cover courses in the short-term; and c) whether to hire Adjunct FALRIP professors who have agreed to teach part-time in the coming year.

**6. Questions and Announcements**

- **Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Science**  
Arts and Sciences representatives (4) elected : B. Gilsdorf, D. Sheps, H. Shulman, and P. Shizgal.
- **Search Committee for the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies**  
Arts and Science representative J. Capobianco elected.
- Dr. Jans reported that there were many grades that had not yet been submitted and urged Chairs to follow up this issue.
- He also reported that the reduction in the number of applicants to Arts and Science compared to this time last year was 540. On the other hand the Registrar's Office was up-to-date and had accepted more applications than this time last year.

- Dr. Woodsworth reported that the first Concordia/Laval Political Science Summer School had commenced. A group of about twenty Concordia students were taking a course at Laval. Next step planned would be for a group of Laval Master's students to come to Concordia.
- In reply to a question posed as to how the vacant positions left by FALRIP would be replaced, Prof. Danis replied that the FALRIP Adjuncts would have seniority over part-timers.
- Dr. Singer suggested that there be some way of showing appreciation and recognition for the FALRIP retirees. The Dean agreed and suggested a Notice of Motion at the next Steering Committee. She also hoped to arrange a party (faculty or university-wide) to celebrate the real accomplishments and contributions of these people to the University.

## 7. Reports from Other University Bodies

- Dr. Teffetteller reported on behalf of Senate and on the last meeting of the Commerce Faculty Council as well as on the Senate meeting, both held on May 3.  
Senate - the following items were brought to ASFC's notice: -i) The change of name of the Psychology Department to the School of Psychological Sciences was approved. ii) The budgeting process and the administrative reorganization. The latter discussed eliminating all the positions of Associate Vice-Rector and keeping Vice-Rector Services. Also there will be a Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. iii) The Library will report to the Vice-Rector Academic.  
Faculty of Commerce and Administration Council - there were two items that pertained directly to Arts and Science - i) "The Centre for International Business" presented curriculum revisions; and ii) the Faculty of Arts and Science resolution re. a proportional return of positions to the Faculty after FALRIP prompted the Faculty of Commerce and Administration to submit a similar resolution.
- Dr. Brian reported on behalf of the Board of Governors. Issues discussed at the last meeting of the Board were: i) FALRIP - promises of space, contact with the Library etc. ii) Reorganization of the Upper Administration. iii) Are there too many committees? Where should the autonomy be? Discussion ongoing to grant greater powers to the Faculties. The Dean invited Council to respond to these three issues by writing to Dr. Brian.
- Prof. Sheps reported on the last SCAPP meeting. Issues included allocation of resources after FALRIP.
- Ken McMurray reported that Faculty students associations were officially formed in Arts and Science and Fine Arts. The CSU recognizes all four faculty student associations.

## 8. Elections and Ratifications

### **Search Committee for Principal of School for Community and Public Affairs**

Dr. R. Tremblay elected by acclamation.

### **Search Committee for Chair of Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry**

Dr. J. Stewart elected by acclamation.

### **Search Committee for Chair of Department of Journalism**

Prof. Marlene Giguère elected by acclamation.

### **Search Committee for Chair of Department of Religion**

Dr. C. Jourdan elected by acclamation.

Council was invited to make nominations to the Council Steering Committee for Liberal Arts College, Science College, Applied Social Science, Exercise Science, TESL.

**Arts and Science Faculty Curriculum Committee**

Dr. M. Allor - Communication Studies.

**Arts and Science Faculty Status of Women Committee**

Dr. Rosemarie Schade, History; Dr. Norma Joseph, Religion, Dr. Jacinthe Baribeau, Psychology; elected by acclamation. Part-time faculty representative E. Seddon ratified.

**Part-time Faculty Elections Committee**

Ratified - Pierre Bourgault, Political Science; Pierre Ouellette, Political Science; Maria Peluso, Political Science.

**University Senate**

Elected were:- Lorna Roth, Communication Studies; David Sheps, English; June Chaikelson, Psychology; Martin Singer, History.

Part-time faculty member Judith Kalman of English ratified.

**Academic Programmes Committee of Senate**

Dr. John Sullivan, Exercise Science, elected.

**Council of the School of Graduate Studies**

Dr. Segalowitz, Psychology elected.

**9. Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals**

Dr. Woodsworth reported back on the issue of the Psychology course titles which were discussed at the last Council meeting. Faculty Curriculum Committee was of the opinion that the course descriptions themselves indicated that they were Psychology courses, not Sociology courses, and therefore voted not to introduce the word *Psychology* into the titles. The Chair considered that the issue should be left for now, and if Council wished to discuss the subject of course titles across the Faculty next year, it should do so.

Dr. Woodsworth reported that three departments submitted major revisions to their curricula; viz. the Departments of Communication Studies, English, Mathematics and Statistics; the Departments of Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Education, Journalism, Sociology & Anthropology, Geography, Lonergan College and Interdisciplinary Studies all proposed minor changes. The Dean thanked Dr. Woodsworth and the Faculty Curriculum Committee for the work involved.

**ASFC-96-4M-4 It was moved and seconded (Woodsworth/Malik) that document, number ASFC 96-4M, be adopted by Council. Carried.**

**10. Arts and Science Self-Appraisal Report**

Dr. Chaikelson reported that there had been minor changes since the draft document discussion at an earlier meeting of Council. In response to comments on the text, Dr. Chaikelson stated that there would be no more amendments. However, Council was invited to write to Dr. Chaikelson or the Dean on issues of contention, which could be attached to the document. The Dean thanked Dr. Chaikelson and the Self-Appraisal Committee for the hard work they had done.

**ASFC-96-4M-5 It was moved and seconded (Hoecker-Drysdale/Woodsworth) that the Self-Appraisal Document, ASFC 96-34M-D, be accepted in principle and sent forward to the Vice-Rector, Academic. Carried.**



**11. Notice of Motion re. Program and Unit Closures in the Faculty of Arts and Science**

It was moved and seconded (Gilsdorf/Hoecker-Drysdale) that the Notice of Motion re. Program and Unit Closures in the Faculty of Arts and Science be accepted by Council. After discussion certain amendments were proposed, and as it was deemed necessary to give more information regarding the proposals being made, this item with clarifications would be brought to the next Council meeting on May 27th.

Dr. Frost moved that the following amendments be made to the Closure Motion:

Amendment 1. That Geology programs be removed from the list of those to be discontinued: B.Sc. Specialization in Geology-Physics; B.Sc. Specialization in Geology-Ecology; B.Sc. Specialization in Resource Analysis and Land Use.

Amendment 2. That the following programs be removed from the list of those to be discontinued pending negotiations with McGill: B.Sc. in Geology; B.Sc. in Geology-Chemistry.

Amendment 3. That the Vice-Dean Woodsworth arrange immediately for student admissions to resume into the following programs. B.Sc. Specialization in Geology-Physics; B.Sc. Specialization in Geology-Ecology; B.Sc. Specialization in Resource Analysis and Land Use.

**ASFC-96-4M-6** It was moved and seconded (Singer/Hoecker-Drysdale) that the document on Closures of Programs and Units in the Faculty of Arts and Science (ASFC 96-3M-E) and the proposed amendments be tabled at the next meeting of Faculty Council. Carried. (in favour 20, opposed 11).

**12. Other Business**

A special meeting of Faculty Council was scheduled for Friday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the Closure document only.

**13. Notices of Motion**

Dr. Teffeteller proposed as a Notice of Motion:

Be it resolved that: A Task Force be established chaired by the Vice-Dean Administrative Affairs to review the composition, mandate and procedures of all Faculty Council sub-committees, particularly the Student Request Committee, the Honours Committee and the Curriculum Committee, with a view to increasing the efficiency of various processes within the Faculty and returning primary responsibility in matters concerning students and curriculum to its proper place in the Departments. Seconded by Prof. Shulman.

**14. Adjournment**

**ASFC-96-4M-7** It was moved and seconded (Pallen/Schmid) that the meeting adjourn at 4:42 p.m.